FLIGHT
43 H
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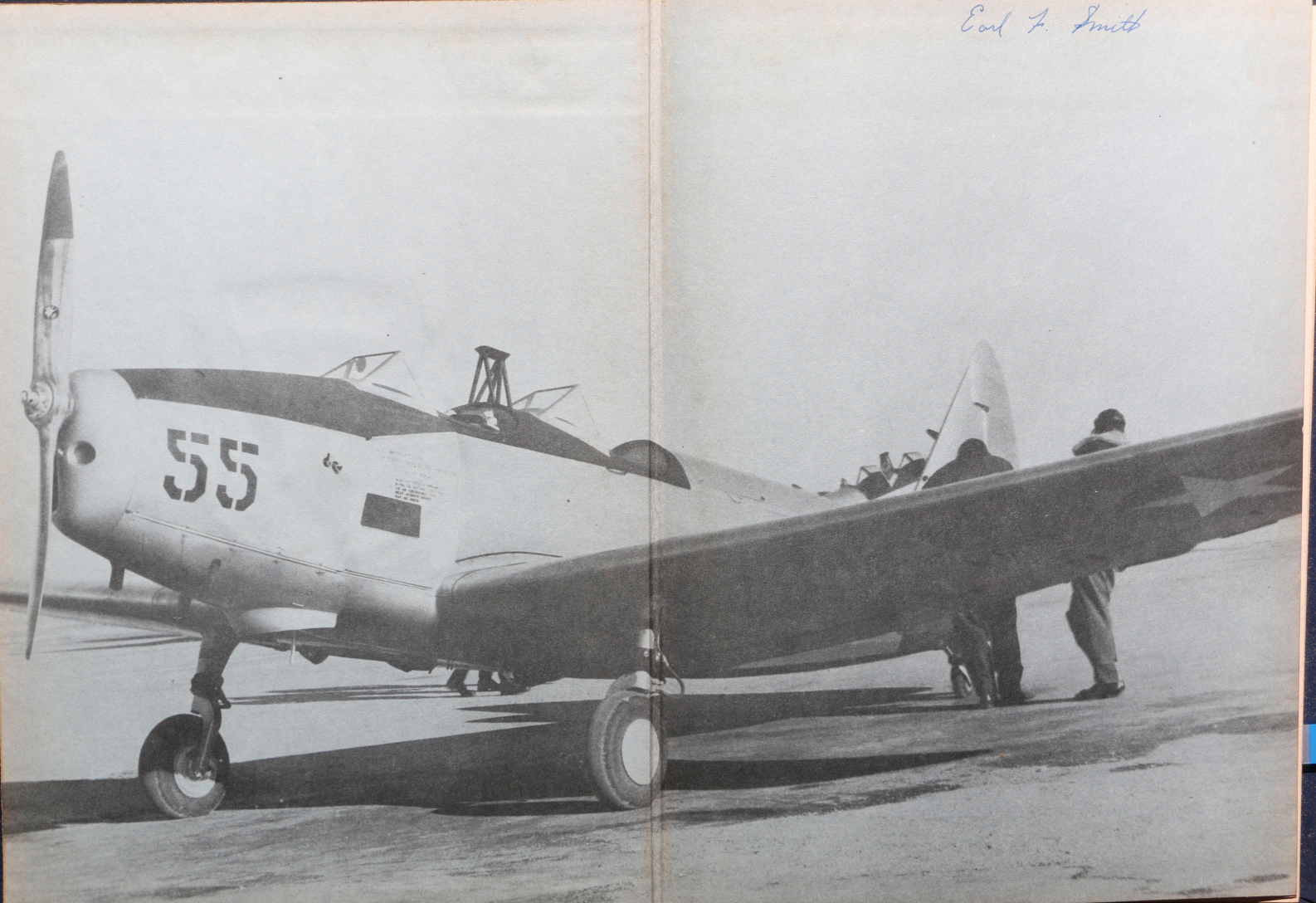
Earl F. Smith



THE CLASS

OF

43-H

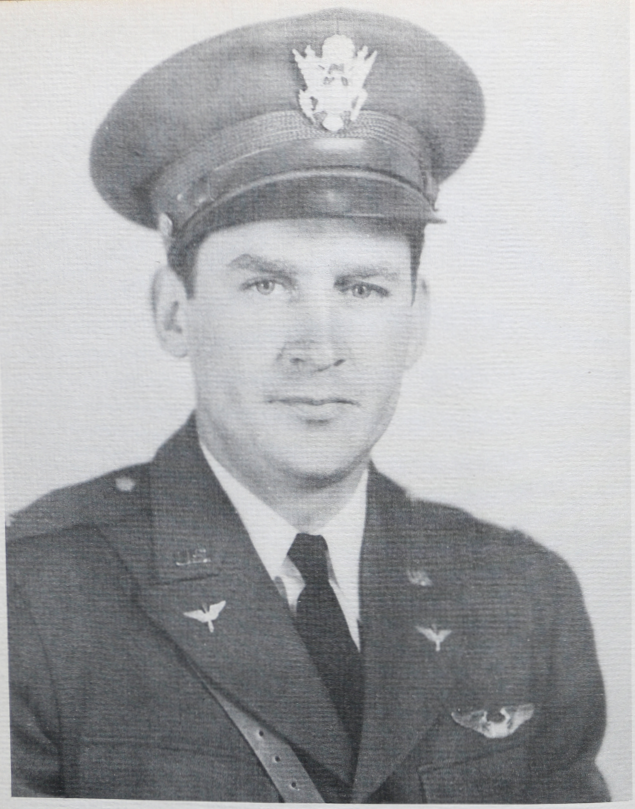
PRESENTS

FLIGHT

DEDICATION

To that fellow who shared my locker, whose life was mine, who worked as hard as the next, but who didn't quite make it—to that fellow we dedicate this book.

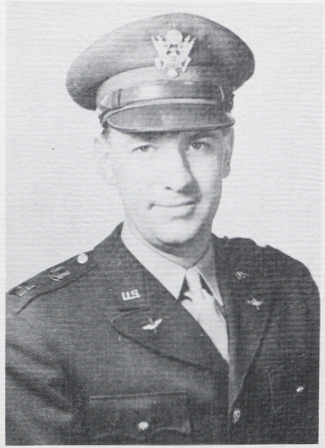
OFFICERS



CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. STEPHENS
Air Corps

Captain Stephens assumed command of the 317th AAFFTD on January 28, 1943, vice Lt. Colonel Leland O. Krug.

Captain Stephens attended Texas A. & M. College and joined the Army Air Corps in December, 1939, receiving his wings and commission at Kelly Field on August 30, 1940.



CLASS 43-H:

This has been a very military class and one it has been a pleasure to work with; I wish you all the luck in the world in your training.

James L. Jackson

JAMES L. JACKSON
Captain, Air Corps
Commandant of Cadets

2ND LT. R. S. WOLFF
Ass't. Commandant of Cadets

I am certain that this class will go on and finish its succeeding training phases as successfully as it has here.

R. S. WOLFF
2nd Lt. A. C.

CAPTAIN R. C. GREENWOOD
Post Surgeon
M. C.

1ST LT. J. R. BLACKBURN
Ass't. Air Corps Supervisor
A. C.

CAPTAIN J. E. DILLON
Engineering and Operations
A. C.

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Athletic Officer
A. C.

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Adjutant
A. C.

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Air Depot Detachment
Command
A. C.

1ST. LT. J. S. MILLARD
Intelligence Officer
And Provost Marshall
A. C.

2ND LT. S. SCHWARTZ
Ass't. Provost Marshall
A. C.

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A. C.

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Ass't. Adjutant
A. C.

1ST LT. J. E. SMALL
Ass't. Air Corps
Supervisor
A. C.

1ST LT. M. E. SWITZER
Assistant Surgeon
A. C.

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Armored Forces

1ST LT. P. F. WORMWOOD
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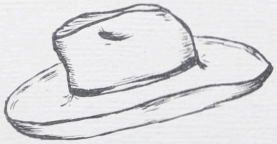
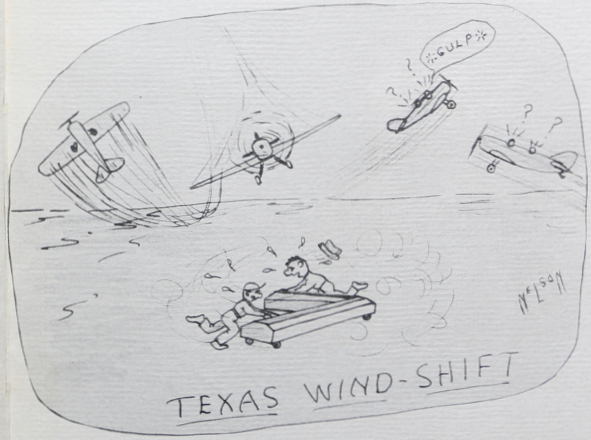
Tank Destroyer





CIVILIANS

MR. W. B. CLICK
Director

TO THE CLASS OF 43-H:

You MISTERS will, in all probability, never be called upon again in your life time to perform a greater DUTY than the one you are called upon to do at the present.

Your COUNTRY is making every effort to equip you for the MISSION to be performed, and you have shown since you arrived at this School and during your training that you are of the "right kind of material." Most of you have taken advantage of this short period of training, and we feel reasonably sure that from now on you will continue to take advantage of your opportunities, and in the end will complete the MISSION.

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK.

W B Click

BRADY AVIATION SCHOOL
W. B. CLICK
Director

TO THE CLASS OF 43-H:

This is to bid farewell to you MISTERS of Class 43-H. You have completed the first phase of a very important job. As you go on to the next step of your training, we sincerely hope that you will have benefited by our efforts here in trying to teach you the primary facts of flying. We are sure you will do a swell job in your Basic training as you have shown, through your work here, that you have what it takes to "get the job done."

Wishing you success in your future training and MANY HAPPY LANDINGS.

Delmar M Miller

D. M. MILLER
WING COMMANDER

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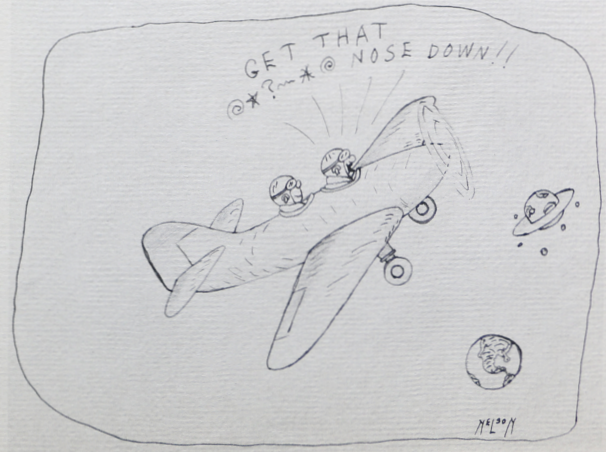
Wing Commander



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Flight Commander

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Chief Dispatcher

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Sqdn. "B" Dispatcher

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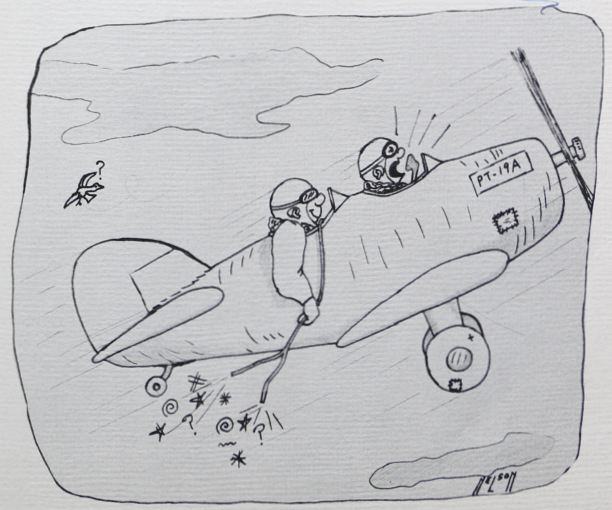

GROUND SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

R. H. NELSON
Director of Ground School

March 21, 1943

TO THE CLASS OF 43-H:

There's an old saying that "there is no royal road to knowledge." Those of you who harbored the illusion that aviation is an easy game have learned by now that to become a full-fledged military pilot takes more than just pushing a joy-stick around; it takes downright hard work and continuous application. The "wings" you are striving to earn, mean something more than just the designation of a pilot:— they are symbolic of man's tenacity, courage, skill, and knowledge. Many fall by the wayside in their quest for those "wings" which comparatively few obtain. You have "broken the ice" here at Primary. The next step to Basic is a BIG one. However your records to date leave no doubt in my mind that no task will be TOO BIG for you to tackle and lick.

Looking with absolute confidence toward your future flights, I remain

R. H. Nelson

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H. L. MILLER

H. C. SKEWIS

H. HOLMAN

E. L. SPRUIELL

E. D. MARTIN

FAY V. CLARY
Secretary

G. N. LEMPEREUR

P. H. LINDHORN

THIS SPACE IS DEVOTED TO
GREMLIN GUS AND THE
MYSTERY HOUR — —

LOIS BROWNING
Mess Hall Supervisor

CORA BELLE MAYES
Secretary To
Commandant of Cadets

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1st Sergeant

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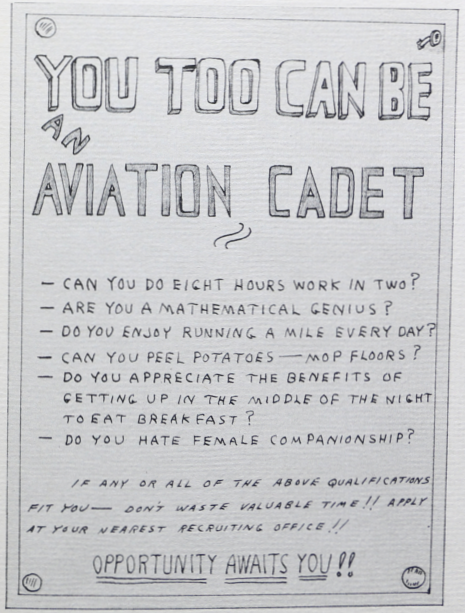
LINK TRAINER PERSONNEL

INFIRMARY PERSONNEL



CADETS

AWARD FOR MERIT

SOULES, B.

— Lots o' Luck at wars —
Let's Give "em Hell"
Your ole
Pal, Billie J.
Soules
Dallas, Tex.

The Award for Merit is a headset for radio-equipped ships donated by the Curtis Field Canteen and awarded to the Aviation Cadet judged the best all around cadet of his class in flying, ground school, athletics, military discipline, and attitude.

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Sqdrn. B Adjutant

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Schrock, Maurice H.

Schuh, Rudolph W.

Schwerin, Wilbert F.

Seglem, Norman A.

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Sellers, William L.

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Wiener, Paul

Sharp, Richard G.

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Stewart, ~~Melvin L.~~ Donald L.

Left off Lunch on 4th of July (Jim Stewart & the)

HAPPY LANDINGS
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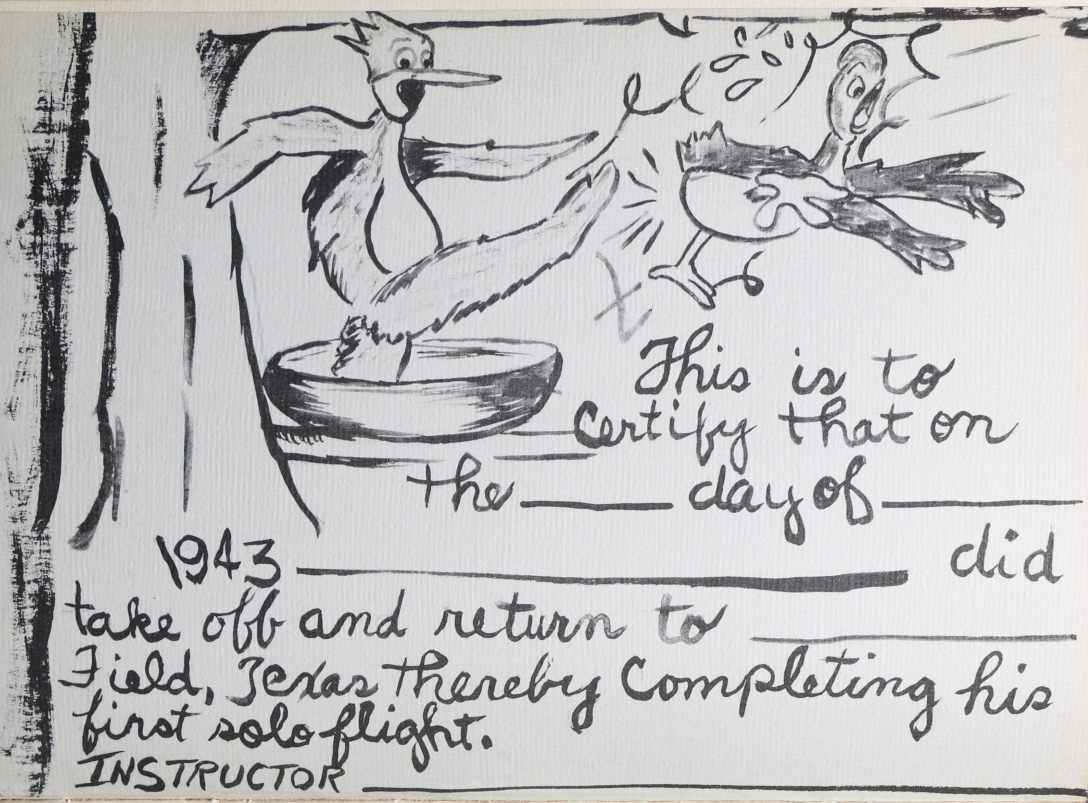
Yee, Thomas C.

Thomas C. Yee
New York, N.Y.

Richardson, C. A.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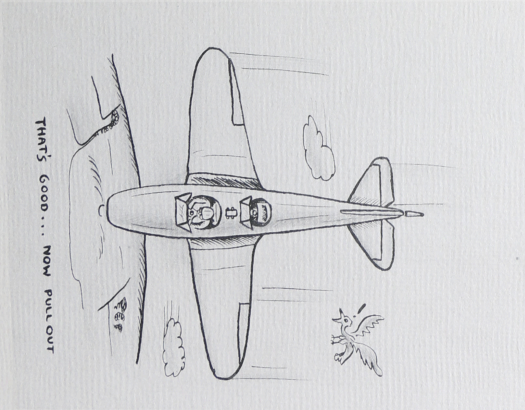
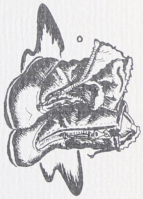
take off and return to ____
Field, Texas thereby Completing his
first solo flight.
INSTRUCTOR ____





February 29, 1943

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)
NO. 609623)

DEFINITION OF FAIRCHILD PT-19A

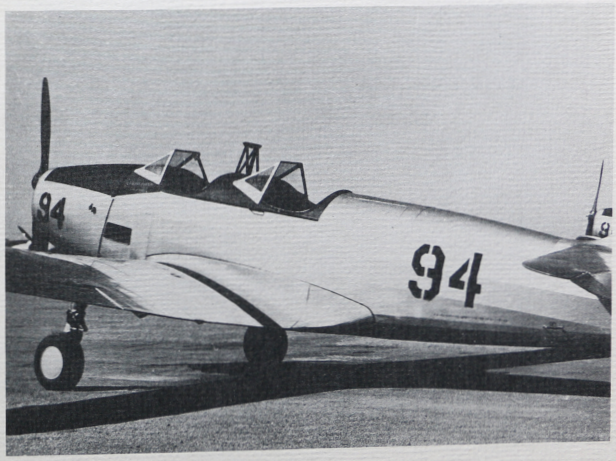
It is a slightly powered glider that might well be described by the following phrase--20,000 bolts flying a loose formation.

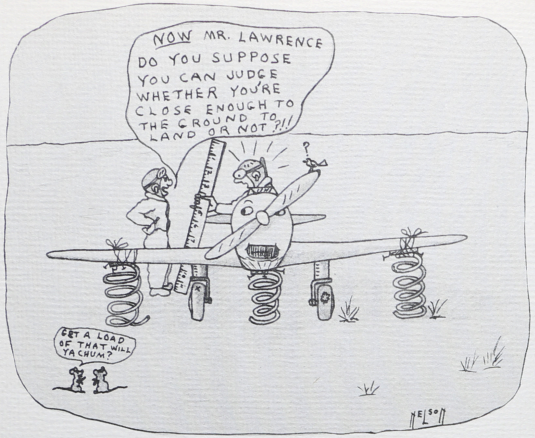
This machine, jokingly called an aeroplane, has, as standard equipment, a built-in headwind of 40 M.P.H. and also a built-in sluff off that is used in all acrobatic maneuvers.

The flying characteristics of this piece of machinery very much resembles a log with a motor on the front.

Primary T. Blunderflight

PRIMARY T. BLUNDERFLIGHT
General, Air Corps
Operations Officer





Avaiation Cadet Bill Soules "explaining" to captain Jackson, why he couldn't get more than one man out on time for revielle on a certain morning when Captain Jackson appeared on the post earlier than usual.

FLIGHT STAFF

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Lay-out

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Art

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VON GOEBEN, C. J., JR.
Business

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence; hov-ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.
Killed in action.

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